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**AFSOC McCARTHY AWARD
(OUTSTANDING RESERVE COMPONENT JUDGE ADVOCATE WRITTEN WORK)**

COMPLIANCE WITH THIS INSTRUCTION IS MANDATORY. This instruction implements AFD 36-28, *Awards and Decorations Program*. It establishes an AFSOC award. It establishes a program for recognizing the AFSOC Air Reserve Component Judge Advocate who has produced outstanding writing in a work product during the previous calendar year. This instruction applies to all AFSOC, AFSOC-gained, and AFSOC-attached Air Reserve Component (ARC) judge advocates, including those of the Air Force Reserve Category A unit program, the Air Force Reserve Category B individual mobilization augmentee (IMA) program, and the Air National Guard. This instruction applies to the organizations listed in paragraph 2 below. This instruction applies to the Air National Guard when published in ANGIND 2 and to the Air Force Reserve when published in AFRCIND 2.

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1. General. The purpose of the AFSOC McCarthy Award is to recognize and encourage superior legal writing on the part of AFSOC ARC judge advocates. The AFSOC McCarthy Award will be presented annually. The period of the award is 1 January–31 December. Nominations are due to HQ AFSOC/JA by 31 January.

1.1 The award honors Brigadier General Michael McCarthy (USAFR Ret.), who served as the Mobilization Assistant to the Deputy Judge Advocate General of the Air Force before retiring in 1993. General McCarthy was an innovative judge advocate leader who worked tirelessly to expand the ways in which ARC judge advocates could contribute to the Air Force. He was also an energetic mentor of young judge advocates. He valued, taught, and nurtured clear and effective legal writing.

2. Eligibility. All ARC judge advocates are eligible—including those attached or assigned to HQ AFSOC/JA, 16 SOW/JA, 193 SOW/JA, and 919 SOW/JA and including those attached or assigned to other units who have performed substantial duty (at least 12 days) during the year working on AFSOC projects or performing legal services for AFSOC personnel or in furtherance of AFSOC interests.

3. Nominations. Any AFSOC judge advocate, whether Regular Air Force or Air Reserve Component, may submit nominations for the award.

3.1. Nomination packages will consist of the following:

3.1.1. A copy of the written work product that forms the basis of the nomination. The work product must have been prepared during the calendar year, and must bear some relation to nominee's Air Force duties.

3.1.2. A brief comment regarding the significance of the work product to the judge advocate's organization, the U.S. Air Force, or the legal profession.

3.1.3. A biography of the nominee.

4. Selection Procedure. The Staff Judge Advocate, Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command, in consultation with the AFSOC/JA Senior IMA and the ANG Assistant to the Staff Judge Advocate, HQ AFSOC, will review the nominations and select the AFSOC McCarthy Award winner by 1 March. If there are no nominations for a particular year, or if no submitted written work is sufficiently meritorious in the judgment of the Staff Judge Advocate, the Senior IMA, and the ANG Assistant to the Staff Judge Advocate, HQ AFSOC, no award will be presented for that year.

5. Recognition. The winner of the McCarthy Award will be recognized for his or her accomplishment in a manner to be determined by the Staff Judge Advocate, Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command.

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